

## Felony Offense Class Enhancements

If certain additional facts are found, the classification of a felony increases by one class for sentencing purposes.

### **Bullet-Proof Vest *G.S. 15A-1340.16C***

**(For offenses committed on or after December 1, 1999)**

A person wears, or has in his or her immediate possession, a bullet-proof vest during the commission of a felony. This section does not apply if the evidence that the defendant had a bullet-proof vest is needed to prove an element of the underlying felony. This section also does not apply to law enforcement officers performing a law enforcement function.

### **Injury to a Pregnant Woman *G.S. 14-18.2(b)***

**(For offenses committed on or after January 1, 1999)**

A person who, in the commission of a felony, causes injury to a woman, knowing the woman to be pregnant, and the injury results in a miscarriage or stillbirth by the woman. This section does not apply to acts committed by a pregnant woman which result in a miscarriage or stillbirth by the woman.

### **Criminal Behavior Prohibited by a Valid Protective Order *G.S. 50B-4.1(d)***

**(For offenses committed on or after March 1, 2002)**

A person who commits a felony at a time when the person knows the behavior is prohibited by a valid protective order. This section does not apply to a person charged with or convicted of a Class A or B1 felony or to a person charged under G.S. 50B-4.1(f) or (g).